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SYNTHASE AND OVERPRODUCTION THEREOF IN PLANTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. National Stage application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 17, line 1, delete "-16"

Claim 18, line2, delete "-16"

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. practice. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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